Meeting
January 1950

The January Meeting of the Covington Garden Club was held on the 5th at the Christ Church Parish House.

Mrs. V. J. Peytral opened the meeting and dispensed with the Secretary's Report, due to pressure for time so that the Speaker, Dr. W. D. Kimbrough, would have all the time necessary. The Treasurer's Report was read by Mrs O. Hebert, which showed that there was a balance on hand of $113.00 as of 1/1/50.

The Meeting was turned over to Miss L. Krause, Chairman of the Program for the meeting, who in turned introduced the Speaker, Dr W.D.Kimbrough, Horticulturist from L.S.U. He chose for his subject "Rose Culture" which was most interesting and which was supported by Specimens of various roses and illistrated slides. After the lecture the specimens was passed to the members.

As there were no specific hostesses, the Garden Club served tea and cookies.

Submitted by

Meeting
February, 1950

The Covington Garden Club met on Thursday, February 2nd, 1950 at 3 o'clock in the Espicopal Parish House, having as hostesses Mrs Owen Heyer, Miss Louise Krause, and Miss Virginia Fairfax assisted by Mrs. E.N.Woodruff, Mrs J.F. Crozier, and Mrs A. L. Young and Miss Otillie Lambert.

The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs Peytral, who read the Secretary's report in the absence of Mrs. Lowell McKee.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs O. Hebert and the balance on hand was #112.97.

Mrs. F. F. Chapman was called upon for a report on the trees on Jahncke Avenue, who stated that the committee agreed to forget the idea about treating the trees, as the cost was too great to do all of the trees, and that to treat only one tree would not be much benefit.

The subject of buyinh the material and equipment to enable the Club to print their own notice cards was voted against and/agreed that the present arrangement would be maintained with Kentzel Printing Company.

The Meeting was turned over to Miss Louise Krause, chairman of the program, who in turn introduced the speaker, Mr.W,E, Monroe from L.S.U. He chose as his subject -#Day Lillies" and illustrated his lecture with colored slides. Seedling plants brought by Mr. Monroe were presented to each member present. After a very interesting lecture the meeting was adjourned, and a very enjoyable "get-to-gether" time was had by all, as the hostesses served tea and delicious cake.

Submitted in the absence of the Secretary,

MARCH 1950.

The Garden Club of Covington met on Thursday March 2nd, 1950 at "Bayou Gardens" the home of Mr and Mrs R.W.Leche at Lacombe.

All business of the Club was dispensed with, so that the entire afternoon could be devoted to the tour of the Gardens. The Tour started at the main gates and when about halfway of the Gardens, you were welcomed at the house by the hostesses Mrs. R. W. Leche, Mrs Oliver Hebert, and Mrs Sigmund Katz, who served delicious fruit punch and various sorts of tea cakes. On the last section of the tour, we visited the building which houses the valuable collection of ancient Fire-arms, utensils, and curios representative of Louisiana and the South.

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GARDEN CLUB MEETS

One of the most enjoyable events of the current Garden Club season took place Thursday afternoon, March 2, at 3:30 when the members met at the gates of Bayou Gardens, Lacombe, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Leche, to be taken by the host on a walking tour of the grounds.

After seeing one side of the gardens, the guests were welcomed at the house by the hostesses for the afternoon: Mrs. Leche, Mrs. Oliver Hebert and Mrs. Sigmund Katz. In the beautiful dining room of the Leche home, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Katz and Mrs. Hebert at either end of the lace-covered tea table with its centerpiece of brilliant Formosa blooms, served the guests fruit punch and various sorts of tea cakes, after which the tour led through the other side of the gardens, visiting the building housing the valuable collection of ancient fire-arms and utensils, antiques and curios representative of Louisiana and the South.

Going through the grounds, the members had an opportunity to actually see the exploitation of native flora and landscape as a setting for azalea and camellia culture From the placid waters of Bayou Lacombe, overhung by mossy oaks and weeping willow, close cropped lawns undulate to the far inner reaches of the grounds, their delicate green spread with luminous swatches of color in reds, pinks and lavenders of massed azaleas, the vivid hues pointed up by flowering dogwood and snowy clumps of bridal wreath. Near the house formalized plots of kurumes in two colors hedged in by dwarf boxwood illustrate the decorative use of these smaller blooming azaleas. Throughout the grounds, close to bridges crossing the inland lakes, along the shores of these tiny waterways and in other places selected to display beauty of foliage and blossom, were many varieties of camellias, many of them in spite of the early season still in bloom.

APRIL 1950.

On the afternoon of Saturday, A pril 1st, the Covington Garden Club met at the Home of Mrs. Chas. Morse on Military Road.

Mrs. Elise Beauchamp, Garden Editor of the Times-Picayune spoke on potted plants giving seom very interesting points on English Ivy, Begonniass and Geraniums-- the soil, the containers, and their ills. Points on Gardens in General was also given by Mrs. Beauchamp.

As there waa no important business, the motion was made to adjourn. Before doing so the new members and visitors present were intorduced. A delightful Social Hour was enjoyed with refreshments served by the hostesses, Mrs. Chas. Morse, Mrs. H.D. Hagerty and Mrs. M.L.Pitman.

Submitted in the absence of Secretary.

MAY 1950.

The May meeting of the Covington Garden Club was on Thursday, May 4th in the spacious Garden of Mrs. Raymond Saal, on Folsom Road, who was assisted by Mrs, Walker Percy and Mrs Garland Ogden as hostesses.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and she read the Secretary's report in absence of the Secretary. Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $98.60.

The Speaker, Mrs H.N.Rufo, was introduced by the President, and the meeting turned over to Mrs Rufo. She gave a most interesting and constructive talk on flower arrangements, stressing the importance of color and symetry in arranging flowers.

At the close of Mrs. Rufo's talk, three lovely little maidens, Mary Pratt Percy, Mike and Bruce Saal, came into the garden carrying large reed baskets filled with beautiful lavender orchids and presented each member and guest with an ordhid.

Several flower arrangements were displayed by various members and prizes were awarded to

1st. Mrs. J.A.Hawley
2nd, Mrs. V.J.Peytral
3rd. Mrs. Price Magee
4th/ Mrs O.J.Hebert.

The Garden table was attractively arranged with a Maypole and spring flowers. Serving at the punch bowls were Mrs. Dalton Barranger and Mrs. R.P.Guichard.

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COVINGTON GARDEN CLUB ENTERTAINED LAST THURSDAY AT THE HOME OF MRS. RAMOND SAAL

Members of the Covington Garden Club were entertained on Thursday on the spacious grounds of Mrs. Raymond Saal. On the program for the afternoon was Mrs. H. N. Rufo, of New Orleans, who gave an interesting and constructive talk on flower arrangements. Mrs. Rufo stressed the importance of color and symetry in arranging flowers.

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Winners of the flower arrangements were:

1st. Mrs. J. A. Hawley, an arrangement of an unusually large mushroom in a hundred year old jug.

2nd. Mrs. V. Peytral, an arrangement of magnolias in a straw hat bowl.

3rd. Mrs. Price Magee, an arrangement of spring flowers in a woven reed basket.

4th Mrs. Oliver J. Hebert, an arrangement of small flowers in a figurine bowl.

The garden table was attractively arranged with a Maypole and spring flowers.

Serving at the punch bowls were Mesdames Ralph P. Guichard and Dalton Barranger.

Those attending were Mesdames H. N. Rufo, B. S. Nelson, of New Orleans, A. Price Magee, M. T. Benedict A Logan Magruder, Walter G. Jones, E. N. Woodruff, D. G. Butts, John Crozier, Arthur Evans, R. Grunewald, M. Fernandez, N. J. Thomas, Jr., Oliver J. Hebert, V. Peytral, F. O. Lambert, F. O. Lambert, J. A. Hawley, Leo. J. LeBlanc, F. O. Bentz, Louis D. Ross, Arnaud Loustalot, H. P. Kenny, Phil B. Ogden, Ralph P. Guichard, Dalton Barranger, Miss Lucie Darcantel, Edith Darcantel, Emma Celeste Thibodaux, Ottilie Lambert. Hostesses for the May meeting were Mesdames Raymond Saal, Walker Percy, Garland Ogden.

Mrs. Peytral, the incumbent and re-elected President, then stated that she had been asked to continue to serve as Chairman of the Program Committee. She deplored the necessity of appointing herself, and said she would be delighted to have someone else accept the dubious honor of the position, but the members were unanimously happy to have Mrs. Peytral continue to arrange programs.

It was announced that the hostesses for the first meeting following the summer adjournment, October, would be Mrs. F. B. Usina, Mrs. George Hinderman, Mrs. J. H. Warner, and Mrs. S. L. Guynn.

An informal discussion followed on the Club's program for the coming year. Among suggestions offered was that a speaker be obtained on corsage making and one on local wild flowers, and a film on gardening was suggested for one meeting. It was also requested th t some arrangement be made with qualified members of the Club to answer questions on aspects of gardening in our locality. Mrs. Peytral, as Chairman ofthe Program Committee promised to do what she could to satisfy these requests.

There was no further business, and the formal meeting adjourned. From the table at the side of the room, beautifully centered with yellow daisies, the hostesses, Mrs. Ralph Guichard, Mrs. Hugh Blair, Mrs. L. P. Hickey, and Mrs. E. A. Jacobs, served wonderful tea sandwiches, tarts, and punch. The group, as women, all enjoyed the opportunity of pleasant talk, and as hard-working gardeners, were more than appreciative of the delicious refreshments.

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JUNE 1950

The June meeting of the Covington Garden Club was held on the 1st day of the month at the Episcopal Parish House. Since it was primarily a business meeting, no regular program was planned, but Mrs. Peytral, the President, after calling the meeting to order, introduced Miss Kay Werner, of the State Library Commission, who spoke briefly.

It was suggested that books on gardening belonging to the Club be turned over to the new St. Tammany Parish Library so that maximum use be made of them, and this suggestion was concurred in by all.

The President then announced the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the ensuing year, 1950-51, as follows:

President	Mrs. V. J. Peytral
1st Vice President	Mrs. R. W. Leche
2nd Vice President	Mrs. Charles Morse
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Raymond Saal
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. W. D. Simmons
Treasurer	Mrs. M. T. Benedict

There were no other nominations and these officers were unanimously elected. The President appointed to serve on the Executive Committee:

Mrs. H. D. Hagerty, Chairman
Mrs. Lowell McKee
Mrs. Ralph Guichard

Other committee chairman were appointed by the President as follows:

Mrs. Price McGee, Plant Exchange, and
Mrs. H. D. Hagerty, Hospitality and Placement.

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OCTOBER 1950

The Covington Garden Club met on Thursday, October 5, 1950 in the lovely garden of the Military Road home of Mrs. F. B. Usina as the guests of Mrs. Usina, Mrs. G. Hinderman, Mrs. J. H. Warner, and Mrs. S. L. Guynn.

Mrs. Peytral presided and after the reading and acceptance of the minutes, the secretary reported for the Treasurer, Mrs. M. T. Benedict, who was away because of family illness, a bank balance of $68.48.

The President reported to the membership on the recent meeting ofthe Executive Committee and asked for discussion and voting on some of the recommendations made by that committee. It was voted not to change the hour of the monthly meetings, a majority preferring the three o'clock starting time.

In line with a discussion of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Peytral explained that the club had a waiting list of three persons who would like membership but not now eligible because of the limit of one hundred, and that there were many members who were inactive, some for no apparent reason and some because their main residence was in New Orleans. She asked for opinions on whether we should enlarge the membership or whether we should have two types of memberships - one active and the other inactive, or non-resident.

There was an interested and interesting discussion of a non-resident list, and it was finally moved by Mrs. Hebert and seconded by Mrs.

Usina that for the time being the membership be extended to one hundred and three, and this seemed to be the wish of the largest number of members.

Mrs. Peytral then outlined the program for the year October, 1950 - June, 1951, including a variety of subjects sure to be of interest. The November speaker was announced as Mr. Claude W. Davis, of the Louisiana State University Extension Service, who would speak on iris and other bulbs.

Mrs. S. E. Dunning was then introduced as the speaker for the day. She displayed a number of original arrangements particularly suited to homemakers and amateur decorators of our locality, since almost all ofthe blooms, berries, and foliage were either native to or cultivated in this section. Using the arrangements one at a time, she explained their construction and the materials re uired, with suggestions as to where they could most appropriately be used.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Dunning's talk, and after she had answered questions, a tea hour followed. The table, set in the garden, was beautiful with a fall arrangement of berries fashioned by Mrs. Guynn, and featuring a lovely punch bowl of unusual design, filled with unusually good punch.

NOVEMBER 1950

Mr. Claude W. Davis of the Louisiana State University Extension Service was speaker at the November meeting of the Covington Garden Club, held at the Parish House on Thursday, November 2.

Mr. David's subject was iris and other bulbs, and he used colored slides in illustrating his talk. He encouraged the members to grow bulbs, citing their advantages. Each member present was presented with an Iris Rhizone, and a package of Formosa Lily seeds.

The Club was hostess at the tea hour which followed.

DECEMBER 1950

Following its usual custom, the Covington Garden Club dispensed with business at its December meeting, held on the 7th, and presented a program on Christmas Decorations for its members, as well as for the public generally.

Mrs. A. L. Clothier was guest speaker and gave an excellent demonstration on inexpensive and attractive decorations for the home.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Peytral, President announced the January program.